Hi!

It was great to see many of you at Gobblerfest on Friday! Thanks for stopping by and saying hi. Here's what's included in our newsletter this week:

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1. Barry Goldwater Information Session- TODAY!

The Barry Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation was established by Congress in 1986 to serve as a living memorial to honor the lifetime work of Senator Barry Goldwater, who served his country for 56 years as a soldier and statesman, including 30 years in the U.S. Senate.

By providing scholarships to college sophomores and juniors who intend to pursue research careers in the natural sciences, mathematics and engineering, the Goldwater Foundation is helping ensure that the U.S. is producing the number of highly-qualified professionals the Nation needs in these critical fields. Over its 30-year history, Goldwater Scholarships have been awarded to thousands of undergraduates, many of whom have gone on to win other prestigious awards like the National Science Foundation’s Graduate Fellowship, Rhodes Scholarship, Churchill Scholarship and the National Defense Science and Engineering Graduate Fellowship that support our Scholars’ graduate school work. Today, Goldwater alumni can be found conducting research that is helping defend the Nation, finding cures for catastrophic diseases and teaching future generations of scientists, mathematicians and engineers.

Scholarships of up to $7,500 a year are provided to help cover costs associated with tuition, mandatory fees, books, room and board. A sophomore who receives a Goldwater Scholarship will receive up to $7,500 in each of his/her junior and senior years. A junior who receives a Goldwater Scholarship will receive up to $7,500 in his/her senior year.

Since each university can only nominate 4 individuals there is a Virginia Tech Campus deadline of December 1, 2019.

Goldwater Scholarship Information session: TODAY! Monday, September 9, 2019, 5:30 pm, 409 Saunders Hall

Virginia Tech Goldwater representative: Christina McIntyre cmcintyre@vt.edu

2. VAS Fall Undergraduate Research Meeting

The Virginia Academy of Science’s Fall Undergraduate Research Meeting is a research grant proposal competition, which has been held annually since the Fall of 2001. In order to participate in this meeting, undergraduate students, in conjunction with their faculty mentors, are required to:
(1) Prepare and submit an Undergraduate Research Grant Application by the October 1 deadline.
(2) Develop posters outlining the proposed research (following the criteria of the Fall Meeting Poster Guidelines) and present their posters at the Fall Undergraduate Research Meeting on November 2 at Christopher Newport University (9 am – ~5 pm).

Nine Undergraduate Research Grant Awards of $750 each will be awarded to selected recipients at the end of this meeting. The grant award recipients will also be awarded student membership in the Virginia Academy of Science for 2020 and will be expected to present the results of their research at the 2020 VAS Annual Meeting in May at James Madison University.

The deadline for electronic submission of 2019 Undergraduate Research Grant Applications is October 1, 2019. More details and instructions can be found in the attached document. Please refer questions to: cconway@vacadsci.org

3. Posters on the Hill- Presentation Opportunity
Each spring, the Council on Undergraduate Research hosts an annual undergraduate poster session on Capitol Hill. At this event and its related activities, members of Congress and their staff members learn about the importance of undergraduate research through talking directly with the student researchers involved in these programs.

This event will take place in Spring 2020. Applications for Posters on the Hill 2020 will be accepted through Tuesday, November 5, 2019 at 11:59 pm EST. Late submissions will not be accepted.

More information including link to apply are available online at: https://www.cur.org/what/events/students/posters_on_the_hill_2020/

4. ICAT Student SEAD Grants
The Institute for Creativity, Arts, and Technology (ICAT) will award three, $1,000 student grants for the fall 2019 academic semester. ICAT invites applications for projects that leverage the combined strengths of science, engineering, art, and design to tackle real-world challenges. These funds can be used to pursue a range of transdisciplinary activities that are creativity-fueled and human-centric.

More information is attached and available at http://icat.vt.edu/funding/. Proposals are due by September 13, 5:00pm EST.

5. Research Scholarships- Deadlines Approaching
a) Jacklyn W. and William R. Jones, Jr. Experiential Learning Scholarship
Applications are now being accepted for the Jacklyn W. and William R. Jones, Jr. Experiential Learning Scholarship, which recognizes students who engage in experiential learning opportunities. One awardee each semester will be selected to receive a scholarship in the amount of $1,000.
Eligibility: VT undergraduate student in any major who is participating in guided experiential learning opportunity at Virginia Tech including, but not limited to: study abroad, unpaid internships with nonprofits or NGOs, undergraduate research opportunities, etc. Preference will be given to students whose experience combines more than one mode of experiential learning, such as research abroad.
Fall deadline: Sept 12
Apply at: https://vt.academicworks.com/
b) Dennis Dean Undergraduate Research Scholarship
Applications are now being accepted for the Dennis Dean Undergraduate Research Scholarship, which recognizes students who engage in research. One awardee each semester will be selected to receive a scholarship in the amount of $1,000.
Eligibility: VT undergraduate student in any major who is participating in mentored undergraduate research at Virginia Tech.
Fall deadline: Sept 18
Apply at: https://vt.academicworks.com/

6. Deadlines Near for Undergraduate Opportunities
Note the deadlines for the following undergraduate opportunities:

- **Grants in Aid of Research Program**, Sigma Xi; application deadline Oct 1, 2019
- **Virtual Poster Showcase** for earth and space science students, American Geophysical Union; abstract deadline Oct 1, 2019
- **Spring 2020 Science Undergraduate Laboratory Internships (SULI) Program**, US Dept of Energy; application deadline Oct 7, 2019
- **Call for Posters**, 2020 Annual Meeting, National Council on Public History, Mar 18-21, 2020, Atlanta; proposal deadline Oct 7, 2019
- **Call for Posters**, 134th Annual Meeting, American Historical Assn, Jan 3-6, 2020, New York; submission deadline Oct 15, 2019
- **Publication Grants**, Textbook and Academic Authors Assn; application deadline Oct 31, 2019
- **Undergraduate Sessions Area**, 2020 Popular Culture Assn National Conference, Apr 15-18, 2020, Philadelphia; abstract deadline Nov 1, 2019 (undergraduates must have a college/university sponsor)
- **Naval Research Enterprise Internship Program** for second-, third-, and fourth-year undergrads; application deadline Nov 1, 2019
- **Call for Proposals**, 2020 Annual Meeting, New England Political Science Assn, April 23-25, 2020, Mystic, CT; submission deadline Nov 29, 2019
- **Higher Education Research Experiences**, Oak Ridge National Laboratory; applications accepted year round

7. Health Professions Advising Networking Event
Registration is now open for the Healthcare Admissions Advantage networking event being held on Sunday, Sept 22, 6:30-8:30pm. This event is open and free for all VT students but students must register
to attend. Sign up on Handshake by 4pm Friday, Sept 13. Contact HPA For information or questions at 540-231-7287. More details in the attached flyer.

8. Interfaith Dialogues - Brown Bag Lunch Series
Interfaith Dialogues - Brown Bag Lunch Series, promoted by the Dean of Students Office, is set up as a dialogue with people from diverse religious, spiritual, and secular worldviews. 12-1pm every 2nd Thursday starting this week, Sept 12, in New Hall West, Room 142. All are welcome. More information attached.

You can always find help through a wealth of resources and information on OUR website (www.research.undergraduate.vt.edu) and ambassadors are available to answer questions and offer guidance at weekly office hours (https://www.research.undergraduate.vt.edu/AboutUs/Ambassadors1.html). Have a great week!

Best,
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